

Sinclair Broadcasting's has made a decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary only a few days before the election. This is certainly proof positive that media consolidation is undemocratic and anti-American. It goes against our most basic ideals of freedom and equality. Their control of the airwaves is exactly the sort of thing the Nazi's did to gain control of the popular imagination during the 1930s.

By their use of free airwaves that belong to the citizens of these United States, Sinclair is legally obligated to serve the public interest. And why on earth do you give away our airwaves for free, anyway? Why aren't moneymaking businesses forced to pay for airwaves that belong to the people of America? We should be charging big money for those airwaves! These companies are making huge profits on them. Why should we underwrite their private profitmaking ventures?

When large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for their bottom line and less of what we need for our democracy: free and balanced presentation of information on all the issues of concern to we the citizens of this great country. We should be getting locally produced news, not some canned, corporate version of only those things the corporation finds of interest and expressing that corporation's opinions which further only its own self-interest. When did America become so selfish and materialist? What happened to our real values, to brotherhood and courage and equality and fairness?

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THREAT TO DEMOCRACY IN THIS COUNTRY.**

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you for taking the time to consider the opinions of the people. You do, after all, work for us, not for the corporations! That is, after all, the law.